REMARKS

The Examiner has indicated that the present application includes claims directed to the following groups:

Group 1:

claims 15 to 21

Group 2:

claims 22 to 24

Group 3:

claims 25 to 27

The Examiner has required Applicants to elect a single group for prosecution on the merits.

Applicants provisionally elect group 1, i.e., claims 15 to 21, for prosecution on the merits. The Office Action indicates that no claims are generic. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 15, 22 and 25 are generic.

Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Prompt consideration and allowance of the present application are therefore earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted

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